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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY**T O P S E C R E T S E N S I T I V E 270227Z OCT 72 VIA CAS CHANNELS (BUNKER)**FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER SAIGON 9237 FLASH
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER
REFS: A) VHS 23881 B) VHS 2381

1. ON RECEIPT OF REF A LAST NIGHT, I GOT HOLD OF NHA AT 2300 AND GAVE HIM MEMORANDUM CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF YOUR MESSAGE TO GIVE TO THIEU FIRST THING THIS MORNING. IN MY MEMORANDUM, I EMPHASIZED ESPECIALLY YOUR PARAGRAPH 3, I.E., THE NECESSITY OF KEEPING OURSELVES IN CLOSE TANDEM AND PROCEEDING IN THIS PRESENT PHASE AS COMRADES-IN-ARMS.

2. THIS MORNING, I WROTE THROUGH TO NHA WHO INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD GIVEN MY MEMORANDUM TO THIEU. HE HAD ALSO HEARD RADIO REPORT OF YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WENT VERY WELL. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE RECEIVED FULL TEXT WHICH I HAVE SENT TO THIEU.

3. I HAVE TOLD NHA THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIEU WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IS OVER, BUT IF THIS RUNS TRUE TO FORM IT MAY GO ON FOR MOST OF THE DAY. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THIEU'S REACTION YESTERDAY AND NHA'S THIS MORNING I THINK INDICATIONS ARE THAT YOUR MEETING WITH THE PRESS WAS WELL RECEIVED.

4. I HEARD BROADCAST HERE AT 0800 THIS MORNING AND THOUGHT YOU HAD DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB.

5. I WILL COVER SUBSTANCE OF REF B WITH THIEU AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY AND REPORT.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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